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Location: Murray Bay (west shore), Grand Island, Alger County,
Michigan.

Present Owner: Cleveland Cliffs Iron Company, Ishpeming, Michigan.

Present Use: Vacant.

Significance: This building is of historical interest as one of the
early buildings associated with the fur trade.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History:

1. Date of erection: Thought to have been constructed for the American Fur Company in 1837 or before 1840 (William F. Lawler, in Michigan History, 22: 282-283 [Summer, 1938]; The Lure of Michigan's Upper Peninsula, 1955).
2. Original and subsequent owners: Purchased by the Cleveland Cliffs Iron Company in 1901. (This information is incomplete).
3. Original plans and construction: Physical evidence indicates that this building originally consisted of a single rectangular room with a fireplace at the north end. Alterations and substantial additions have been made at an undetermined date or dates.

PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement:

1. Architectural character: A small building showing some interesting details of squared log construction, despite alterations.
2. Condition of fabric: Fair.

B. Description of Exterior:

1. Overall dimensions: About 16' (one bay) by 23' (three bays) for the original portion; one story; faces east.
2. Walls: Squared logs are laid horizontally, breaking courses at the corners where they are dovetailed together. The ends of the logs project several inches beyond the corners. This building is

chiefly of interest because it is the only remaining log structure of the group which has not had exterior clapboarding applied, and thus reveals the log construction better than the others.

3. Chimney: There is a stone chimney centered on the north end of the original part.

C. Description of Interior:

1. Floor plan: See HABS photocopy, MI-258G-3, for a view of this plan.

D. Site:

1. General setting and orientation: This building is located on a wooded slope near the shore of Murray Bay, some distance north of the main group of buildings (which are described elsewhere: MI-258C, MI-258D, MI-258E, MI-258F, MI-258).

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